

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

Here in the country we are at the mercy of just the one local major phone company. The local isp providers give us flexibility to meet our small business needs that large providers cannot provide at reasonable cost to us!